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Dear Interested Citizen:

The primary purpose of *Medford's Messenger* is to keep you informed of ongoing and proposed activities on the Medford District. It contains listings of projects, by resource area, that have been completed recently and identifies newly proposed projects. It is our desire to keep you informed about issues, activities, and opportunities we think are important to our publics. More importantly, we are seeking ideas and comments from those who may be affected by our multiple-use management programs.

This planning update has been organized to give you a brief description of activities occurring in several programs, as well as description of new projects being considered by the district. Additional information can be obtained from the people listed in the descriptions.

Due to the court rulings involving Survey and Manage species, no timber sales have been offered since September of 1999. In December the court reached a decision and dismissed the case based upon conditions of a settlement agreement. The settlement agreement has conditions that require the BLM to complete surveys for Survey and Manage species before offering certain parcels of timber for sale. At this time it looks as though the requirements may be met by Summer of 2000 and some timber sales might be offered in late summer 2000. Because of the uncertainty with Survey and Manage species and current litigation no proposed timber sale schedule is available at this time.

The contact people are familiar with their projects and are able to answer questions and provide more details on the projects. They are interested in information you wish to share concerning any of the projects or project areas.

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Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Unless you specifically request us to withhold your name and address, it will be made available to the public on request.

We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding this Planning Update or how it could be improved to make it more useful to you.

Thank you for your interest in BLM's management of your Public Lands. If you have any questions on information in this Planning Update, stop by the office or call us at 541-618-2200.

Sincerely,

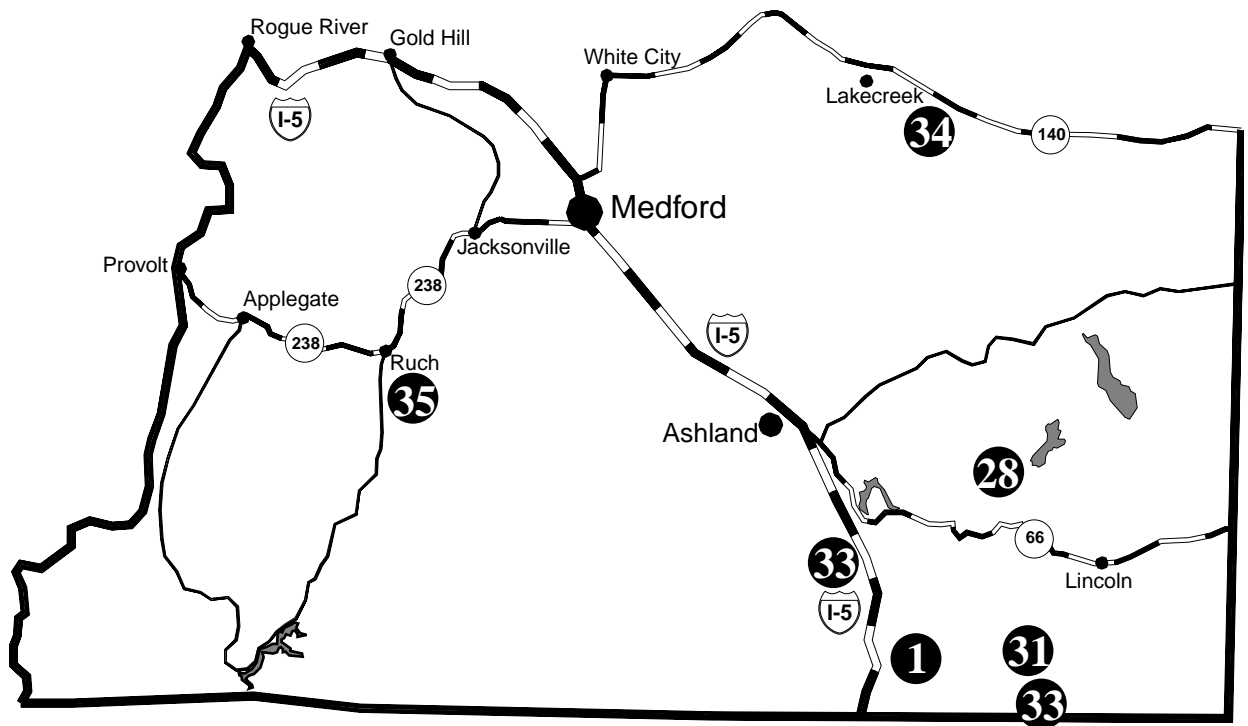
Ron Wenker
District Manager

**ASHLAND RESOURCE AREA
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS
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NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
		SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	
1. PILOT ROCK LAND EXCHANGE: A land exchange of public lands for private parcels	T41S, R2E, Sec. 2	Completed	Completed	Completed	2/29/00	Jan Miller
28. LITTLE HYATT LAKE DAM: repair, replace, or removal?	T39S, R3E, Sec 20	On-going	On-going	Not scheduled	Not scheduled	John Samuelson
31. CASCADE SISKIYOU ECOLOGICAL EMPHASIS AREA PLAN/EIS	East of Ashland (southern Ore. & northern Calif.	Completed	On-going	WinterSpring 00	Fall 00	Tom Sensenig
33. BEAR CREEK AND KLAMATH IRONGATE WATERSHED ANALYSIS	Bear Creek and Klamath/Irongate Watersheds	Completed	Completed	Completed	Not a Decision Document	Laurie Lindell
34. INDIAN SODA PROJECT: Landscape management project to improve forest health.	Little Butte Ck Watershed	Completed	On-going	Winter/Spring 00	Summer/Fall 00	Steve Armitage
35. SPENCER LOMAS EA: Landscape management project to improve forest health.	Spencer Gulch & Lomas Road Area	Completed	On-going	Winter/Spring 00	Summer/Fall 00	Steve Armitage

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Ashland Resource Area Projects

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| 1 Pilot Rock Land Exchange | 33 Bear Creek & Klamath
Irongate Watershed Analysis |
| 28 Little Hyatt Lake Dam | 34 Indian Soda Project |
| 31 Cascade Siskiyou Ecological
Emphasis Area Plan | 35 Spencer Lomas EA |

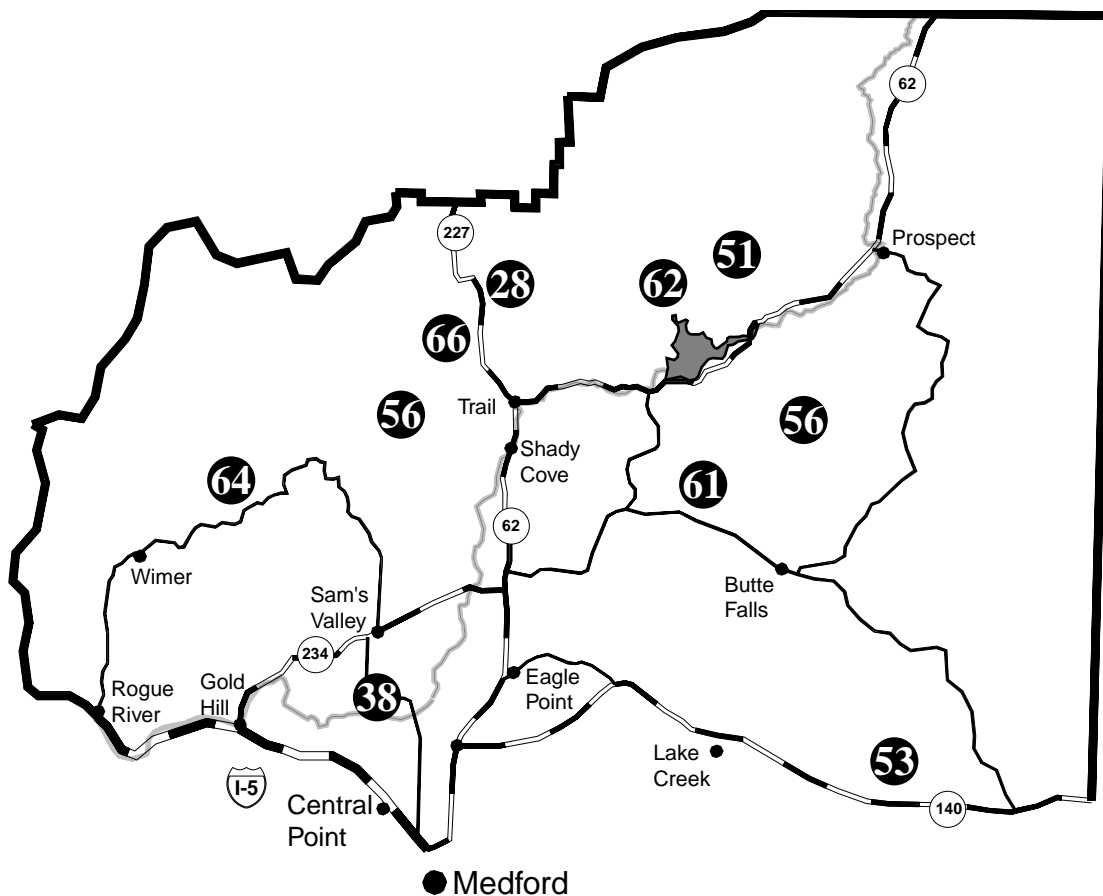
**BUTTE FALLS RESOURCE AREA
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28. TRAIL CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Timber sale and other projects in Trail Creek	T32S, R1W, 2W T33S, R1W, 2W T34S, R1W, 2W	June 00	Aug 00	Jan 01	Feb 01	Jean Williams
38. TABLE ROCK MANAGEMENT PLAN	T35S, R2W, sec 34, 35 T36S, R2W, sec 1,4,5,8,16,17	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	Not a decision document	Tim Haller
51. BAKER CYPRESS ACEC MANAGEMENT PLAN	T33S, R2E, SEC 5	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	Not a decision document	Doug Kendig
53. BIEBER WASSON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Landscape management project to improve forest health in McNeil Creek area.	T35S, R1E, 2E T36S, R2E, 3E	Jan 99	March 99	July 00	Aug 00	Jean Williams
60. FERTILIZATION EA	RESOURCE AREA WIDE	April 99	June 99	July 99	Aug 00	Jim Welden
61. LOWER BIG BUTTE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Landscape management project to improve forest health Lower Big Butte Creek area.	T33S, R1E, R2E T34S, R1E, R2E T35S, R1E, R2E	April 00	June 00	July 00	Aug 00	Jean Williams

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62. FLOUNCE AROUND EA: Timber sale and other projects in Lost, Elk and Big Butte Creek.	T32S, R1E, R2E T33S, R1E, R2E T34S, R1E, R2E	June 00	Aug 00	Jan 01	Feb 01	Jean Williams
64. MAPLE GULCH DAM REMOVAL EA	T34S, R3W, Sec 27	May 00	July 00	March 01	April 01	Jayne LeFors
66. WEST BRANCH TRAIL CREEK, FISH WIERS EA	T33S, R1W, Sec 19	June 00	Aug 00	Oct 00	Nov 00	Jayne LeFors

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Butte Falls Resource Area Projects

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| 28 Trail Creek EA | 60 Fertilization EA, Resource Area Wide |
| 38 Table Rock Management Plan | 61 Lower Big Butte EA |
| 51 Baker Cypress ACEC Management Plan | 62 Flounce Around EA |
| 53 Bieber Wasson EA | 64 Maple Gulch Dam Removal EA |
| | 66 West Branch Trail Creek Fish Wiers EA |

**GLENDALE RESOURCE AREA
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NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED

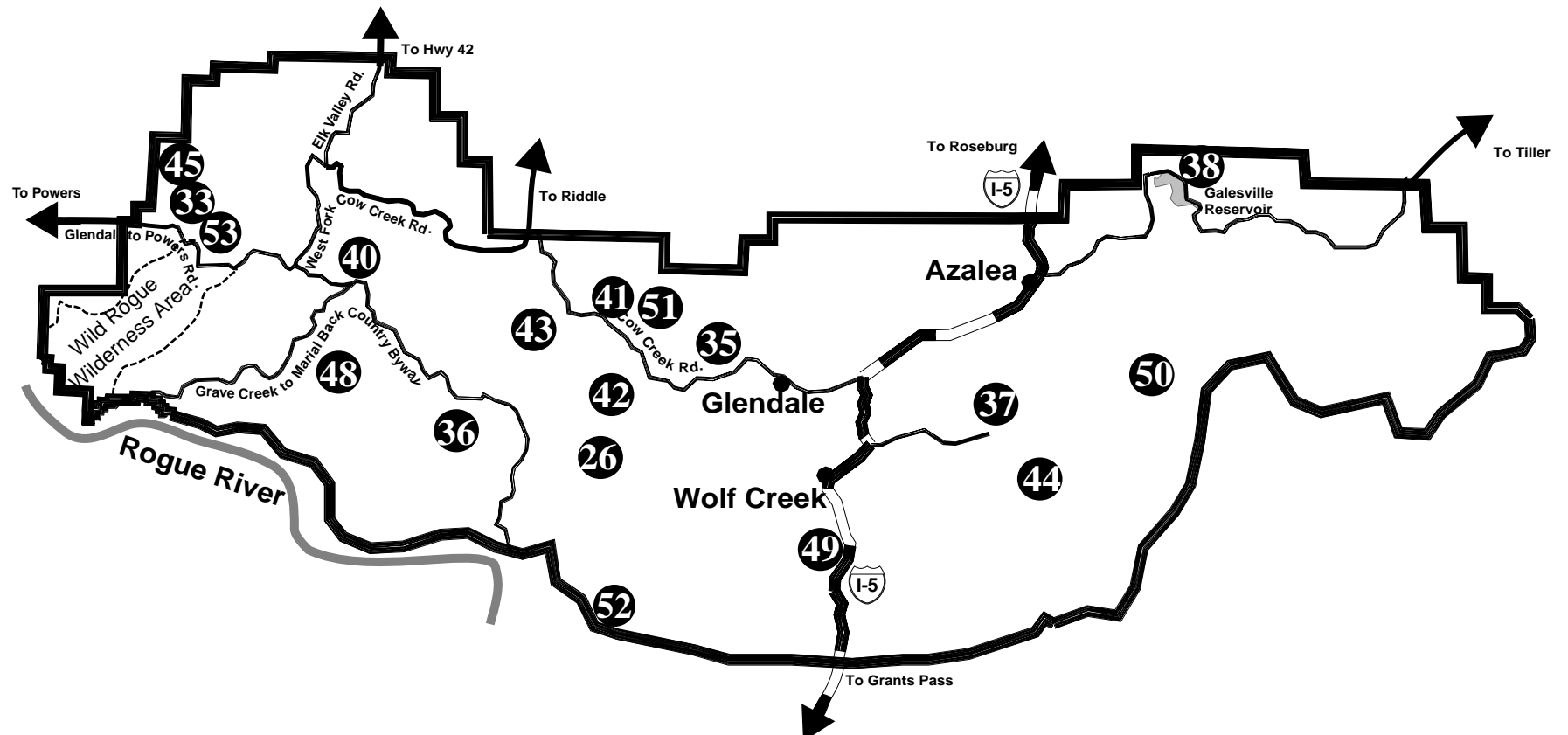
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26. GRAVE CREEK WEST PROJECT AREA. Includes two timber sales: Perkins Folly and Poor Angora.	T 33S, R 7W T 34W, R 7W	Completed	Completed	Completed	August 2000	Roger Schnoes
33. HEY MR. WILSON TIMBER SALE. Commercial Timber Sale in a Tier 1 Key watershed. Also designed to improve road and reduce sediment into streams in the Umpqua Basin	T 32S, R 9W, sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18.	Completed	Jan. 2001	Feb. 2001	Mar. 2001	Roger Schnoes
35. COTTON SNAKE. Timber sale and other projects in Cow Creek Drainage.	T 32S, R 6W T 32S, R 7W T 33S, R 6W T 33S, R 7W	Completed	On Hold	On Hold	On Hold	Roger Schnoes

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36. KELSEY/WHISKEY CREEK PROJECT AREA. A comprehensive EIS with a public involvement plan is scheduled to look at management actions in a large, undeveloped drainage, tributary to the Rogue River. Potential Actions include fuel treatments and wildfire planning, timber sales, wildlife habitat projects, road construction and others.	T 33S, R 8W	Completed	Draft EIS Sept. 2000	Dec. 2000	March, 2001	Roger Schnoes
37. WOLF TREE PROJECT. Timber sale and other projects in Wolf Creek watershed, east of Interstate 5. Includes two timber sales: King Wolf and Coyote Pete.	T 33S, R 5W T 33S, R 6W	Feb. 2000	September, 2000	October, 2000	June, 2001	Roger Schnoes
41. PAPA COW TIMBER SALE. Timber sale in Dad's Creek and Cow Creek.	T 32S, R 7W	Completed	Completed	On hold	On hold	Roger Schnoes
40. BOBBY CREEK RNA MANAGEMENT PLAN. Plan for long term management of large block of old growth forest designated as a Research Natural Area.	T 32S, R 9W, sec. 2, 11.	Completed	On Hold	On Hold	On Hold	Roger Schnoes
42. SOUKOW TIMBER SALE. Timber sale in Skull Creek and Cow Creek area.	T 32S, R 7W T 33S, R 7W	Completed	Completed	June, 2001	July, 2001	Roger Schnoes

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43. BEAR PEN PROJECT AREA. Timber sale and other projects in Bear Creek and Slotted Pen Creek.	T 31S, R 8W T 32S, R 8W	Completed	Completed	On Hold	On Hold	Roger Schnoes
44. COYOTE CREEK PRESCRIBED FIRE. A prescribed burn to re-introduce fire as a natural disturbance factor into the ecosystem.	T 33S, R 5W	Completed	Completed	Completed	July 2000	Roger Schnoes
45. WILLY SLIDE TIMBER SALE. A timber sale in the Wilson and Slide Creek drainages, near the Wild Rogue wilderness area.	T32S, R 10W, sec. 1, 12	Completed	July, 2000	June, 2001	August, 2001	Roger Schnoes
49. FIVE ROGUES TIMBER SALE. A timber sale along the I-5 corridor in Josephine County, north of Sexton Mountain.	T 33S, R 6W T 34S, R 6W	August, 2000	August, 2001	Sept. 2001	August, 2001	Roger Schnoes
50. ROAD DECOMMISSIONING. Jobs-in-the-Woods. Restoration project to decommission roads which are no longer needed or which are causing environmental damage.	Resource Area - wide	Completed	Completed	Completed	March, 2000	Roger Schnoes
51. DADS CREEK RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT. Jobs-in-the-Woods. Project to restore and improve riparian conditions, includes road work and vegetation treatments.	T 32S, R 7W, sec.	Completed	Completed	Completed	April, 2000	Roger Schnoes

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52. QUARTZ CREEK OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN. Develop a comprehensive management plan for the Quartz Creek OHV area.	T 34S, R 7W	Sept. 2000	Sept. 2001	October, 2001	Dec. 2001	Roger Schnoes
53. WEST FORK COW CREEK ROAD GATE. A proposal to install a gate or gates to reduce fish poaching and reduce erosion.	T 31S, R 9W sec. 27	April, 2000	April 2000	May, 2000	June, 2000	Roger Schnoes

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Glendale Resource Area Projects

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| 26 Grave Creek West Project Area | 43 Bear Pen Project Area |
| 33 Hey Mr. Wilson Timber Sale | 44 Coyote Creek Prescribed Fire |
| 35 Cotton Snake Timber Sale | 45 Willy Slide Timber Sale |
| 36 Kelsey Whiskey EIS | 48 Wild Rogue North Watershed Analysis |
| 37 Wolf Tree Project Area | 49 Five Rogues Timber Sale |
| 38 Galesville Campground | 50 Road Decommissioning |
| 40 Bobby Creek RNA Management Plan | 51 Dad's Creek Riparian Restoration Project |
| 41 Papa Cow Timber Sale | 52 Quartz Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Plan |
| 42 Soukow Timber Sale | 53 West Fork Cow Creek Gate |

**GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA
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RECENT DECISIONS SIGNED OR PROJECTS DROPPED

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100. SPECIAL RECREATION USE PERMIT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (Boatnik)	Recreation Section of the Rogue W&S River	Completed			Mar 2000	Jim Leffmann

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NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED OR IN PLANNING

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10. HELLGATE RECREATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ROGUE RIVER: The management plan for the recreation section of the Rogue Wild and Scenic River is being updated through an EIS.	Recreation section of the Rogue River from the Applegate River to Grave Creek.	Completed	Completed	Draft EIS May 2000	Jan 2001	Jim Leffmann
58. BUMMER 40 FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T35S, R6W, Sec. 17	Completed	Ongoing	July 2000	Undetermined	John Prendergast

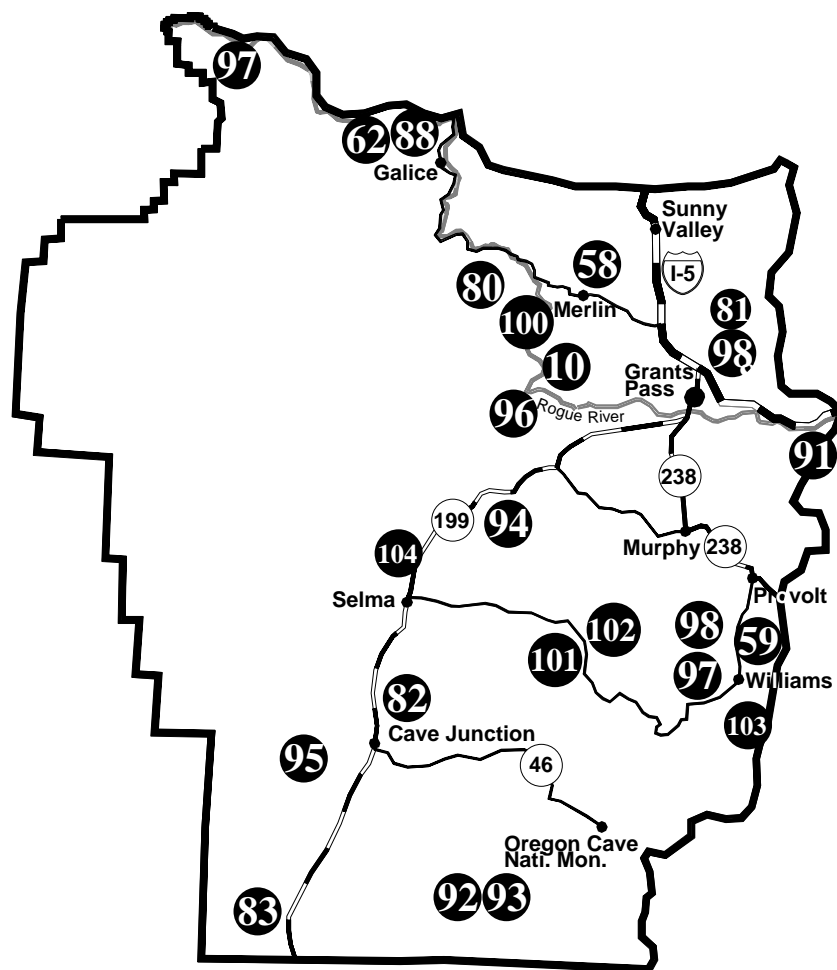
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59. SCATTERED APPLES FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T37S, R5W, Sec 33,34 T38S, R5W, Sec 3,10,11,13, 15,22,24,25,33,35 T39S, R5W, Sec 1,6,12,13,14, 23,25 T38S,R4W, Sec. 19	Completed	Completed	Completed	Aug 2000	Dale Rau
62. PEAVINE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T34S, R8W, Sec. 27, 34	Completed	Completed	Apr 2000	Summer 2001	Kip Wright
80. PICKETT SNAKE FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T35S,R7W, Sec 9,10,15,21, 26,27,28,29,30, 31,35 T36S,R7W, Sec 3,10,27	Completed	Completed	Completed	Summer 2001	Jeanne Klein
81. GRANITE HORSE FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T35S,R5W, Sec 3,5,7,8,9,10, 15,17, 20,21,29, 31,32,33 T34S,R5W, Sec 19,20,29, 30,31 T34S,R6W, Sec 22,23,24,25, 26,35, 36	Completed	Completed	Completed	Summer 2001	John Schneider
82. FREE AND EASY II FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T38S,R8W, Sec 33 T39S,R8W, Sec 11,14,15, 17, 23,25	Completed	Completed	Apr 2000	Summer 2001	Bob Murray

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83. UPPER ILLINOIS RIVER LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (Joint EIS with US Forest Service)	T40S,R8W, Sec 9,10,13,15, 20,21,22,23,24, 26,27,28, 32,33, 34,35 T41S,R8W, Sec 3,10 T41S,R9W, Sec 2,3,9,10,12, 13,14,15	Completed	Ongoing	Summer 2000	Spring 2001	Doug Parker
88. SMULLEN VISITOR CENTER CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S,R8W, Sec 24	Completed	Completed	Completed	Apr 2000	Jim Leffmann
91. BIRDSEYE JONES FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T36S,R4W, Sec 1,2,3,4,9,10, 28,29,31,32 T37S,R4W, Sec 5,6,7	Apr 2000	Summer 2000	Oct 2000	Undetermined	Tom Dierkes
92. ALTHOUSE FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T39S,R7W, Sec 26,27,34,35 T40S,R7W Sec 3,4,5,8,9,10, 11,14,15,17,18 T40S,R8W Sec 13,23	Apr 2000	Summer 2000	Fall 2000	Undetermined	Leslie Welch
93. SUCKER CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Restoration project of old mining activity.	T40S,R7W, Sec 1	Completed	Ongoing	Apr 2000	May 2000	Dave Maurer
94. ROBERTSON ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T37S,R7W, Sec 23	May 2000	May 2000	June 2000	July 2000	Matt Craddock

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95. KAMP ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T40S,R8W, Sec 18	Completed	Ongoing	May 2000	June 2000	Matt Craddock
96. CAMPMAN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T36S,R7W, Sec 2	--	Apr 2000	May 2000	June 2000	Matt Craddock
97. CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECTS (ERFO) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S,R9W, Sec 17 T39S,R5W, Sec 34 T39S,R6W, Sec 2 T39S,R6W, Sec 25 T38S,R6W, Sec 14	--	Completed	Completed	Apr 2000	Jim Roper
98. WALLOW CREEK AND MORRIS CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T38S,R5W, Sec 18 T35S,R5W, Sec 21	--	Ongoing	Apr 2000	May 2000	Jim Roper
99. BLM/FS PHYTOPHTHORA FREE ROCK QUARRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (Interagency EA)	T38S,R7W, Sec 23 T39S,R7W, Sec 3 T40S,R7W, Sec 4 T34S,R8W, Sec 28 T34S,R9W, Sec 6,34 T34S,R10W, Sec 12	Completed	Ongoing	Oct 2000	Nov 2000	Jim Roper
101. KERBY PEAK TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T38S,R7W, Sec 36 T38S,R6W, Sec 31 T39S,R6W Sec 6,7,8 T39S,R7W, Sec 1	–	Completed	Apr 2000	June 2000	Jeanne Klein
102. DEER CREEK QUARRY DEVELOPMENT AND RESTORATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T38S,R6W, Sec 29	–	June 2000	Sept 2000	Oct 2000	Jim Roper

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103. GRAYBACK TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T39S,R5W Sec 21,29,32	Apr 2000	June 2000	July 2000	Aug 2000	Jeanne Klein
104. ANDERSON WEST FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Integrated forest management project.	T37S,R8W Sec 25,34,35 T38S,R8W Sec 3,4,23	Apr 2000	Summer 2000	Fall 2000	Undetermined	Dave Maurer

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Grants Pass Resource Area Projects

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| 10 Hellgate Recreation Area of the Rogue River Mgmt Plan | 93 Sucker Creek Restoration Project EA |
| 58 Bummer 40 Coop Forest Mgmt Proj EA | 94 Robertson Road Right-of-Way EA |
| 59 Scattered Apples Forest Mgmt Proj EA | 95 Kamp Road Right-of-Way EA |
| 62 Peavine Project EA | 96 Campman Road Right-of-Way EA |
| 80 Pickett Snake Forest Mgmt Project | 97 Culvert Replacement Projects EA |
| 81 Granite Horse Forest Mgmt Project | 98 Wallow Creek & Mossis Creek Culvert Replacement |
| 82 Free & Easy II Forest Mgmt Project EA | 99 Quarry Development EA |
| 83 Upper Illinois River Landscape Mgmt Projects EA | 100 Special Recreation Permit (Boatnik) EA |
| 88 Smullen Visitor Center Construction EA | 101 Kerby Peak Trail Construction EA |
| 91 Birdseye Jones Forest Mgmt Project EA | 102 Deer Creek Quarry Development & Restoration EA |
| 92 Althouse Forest Mgmt Project EA | 103 Grayback Trail Construction EA |
| | 104 Anderson West Forest Mgt Proj EA |